

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN POLICY**

**Wednesday, March 2, 2005**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Room 307, House Office Building**

**Chair Stakoe** called the Standing Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (10/11)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Van Regenmorter (1/11)

**Representative Robertson**, supported by **Representative Tobocman**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on **February 16, 2005**. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4062** before the committee.

HB 4062 Jones Counties; other; transcript fees; increase.

**Representative Jones** explained the intent of the bill.

**Tom Hickson**, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in **support** of the bill.

**Brad Ward**, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors, testified on the bill, indicating a **neutral** position.

**Lynn Egbert**, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4283** before the committee.

HB 4283 Jones Drains; other; boards of determination; revise membership and standard for determining necessity of project.

**Representative Jones** explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

**Phil Chisholm**, Delta Township Treasurer, testified in **support** of the bill.

**Brad Deacon**, from the Michigan Department of Agriculture, testified on the bill.

**Bill Anderson**, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in **support** of the bill.

**Rob Anderson**, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, testified in **support** of the bill.

**Representative Baxter**, supported by **Representative Schuitmaker**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, the **Chair** excused **Representative Van Regenmorter**.

**Terry Guerin** and **Doug Roberts**, representing the Private Sector Coalition, testified in **support** of the bill.

**Tom Hickson**, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

**Patrick Lindemann** and **Geoffrey Sudlein**, representing the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

**Joseph Colaianne**, Oakland County Drain Commissioner, testified in **opposition** to the bill as written.

**Chair Stakoe** announced that, due to time constraints, today's presentation by the Michigan Municipal League would be rescheduled.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **4:34 p.m.**

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**Representative John Stakoe, Chair**

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